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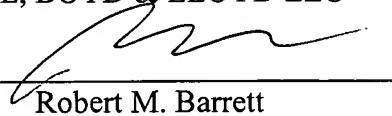
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All of the cited references listed above are listed in the enclosed Australian Patent Office Written Opinion dated August 3, 2004 corresponding to the present application. A copy of the Written Opinion is included with this submission.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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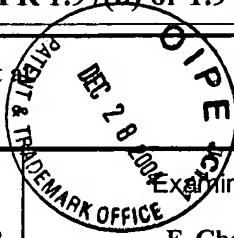
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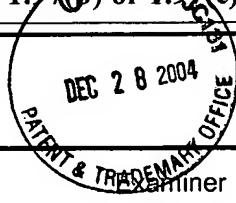
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